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Dear Sirs,

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated June 24, 2003, for three months from September 24, 2003 to December 24, 2003. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 475.00 (fee code 2253) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, please amend the above-identifi d application as follows:

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